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**From:** Martin Akel  
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**Subject:** A First-Hand Account Of The Oregon Oil Train Disaster Offers More Reasons To Oppose P66's Rail Plan

Dear California Government Official:

Each month more reasons emerge to oppose Phillip 66's crude-by-rail plan for California and SLO County. Check out our current newsletter (**attached**). You'll discover these stories and more ...

- ▶ Mayor Burns of Mosier, Oregon (where the latest train wreck occurred) visited SLO County and provided us with insights such as ...
  - How the town waited anxiously for help ... but the freeway closed and responders were stuck in traffic.
  - Their tourist and agriculture economy has been harmed; the town's reputation is severely tarnished.
  - Local parents no longer want to send their kids to schools near the tracks.
  - Their soil and groundwater is now suffering from crude oil contamination.
  - The Mayor's blunt advice to SLO County's citizens and officials.
- ▶ Paso Robles is expanding a residential development -- but it's in the oil train "blast zone"!
- ▶ See photos of Phillips' lavish new headquarters - they obviously don't need crude-by-rail to remain "viable."
- ▶ Survivors of the Lac Mégantic disaster want the tracks moved out of downtown - the railroad won't pay for it.
- ▶ Trains just collided head-on in Texas on a single track ... the Central Coast is just as vulnerable.
- ▶ Central Coast residents continue to fume about P66's plan -- read what they've put in writing.

It's time for every official to stand up and protect our citizens, businesses, economy and environment. We urge you to oppose P66's plan to bring hundreds of volatile oil trains to our region each year.

Respectfully,  
The Mesa Refinery Watch Group  
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